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Applicant: Henry F. McInerney, et al.  
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AUTENTICATING PRODUCTS OR PRODUCT PACKAGING  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2005, and in view of the Request for Continued Examination submitted herewith, Applicants request reconsideration.

**The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.